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1	ruled	dominated	controlled	led
2	tournaments	competitors	battles	races
3	as one	all together	joined	together
4	respect	condition	way	state
5	opponents	enemies	challenges	friends
6	polite	patient	understanding	tolerant
7	count	cut	mark	score
8	attacked	hit	struck	affected
9	has ended	had ended	has been ended	was ended
10	founded	found	located	discovered
11	standard	common	popular	likely
12	ago	later	ever	more

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After his career **(9) had ended**, Lacoste became a successful businessman. He **(10) founded** a company that produced clothes for tennis players. A polo shirt with a crocodile on the chest quickly became **(11) popular** all over the world. Even today, almost a hundred years **(12) later**, Lacoste is still a well-known label in the world of sports.